

REMARKS

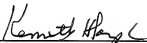
Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claim 19 has been previously canceled. Claims 1-3 and 8-14 were allowed. Claims 4-7 and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,559,775 to King in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,147,597 to Facory. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for the reasons stated below.

At the outset, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1-3 and 8-14. Claims 4-7 and 15-18 are canceled and are the subject of a continuation application. Consequently, it is believed that the present Application is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this Application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully requested,

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